

REMARKS

Claims 56-58 have been canceled. Claims 13-14, 17-22, 25-29, and 32-45 are now pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in light of the amendments and following remarks.

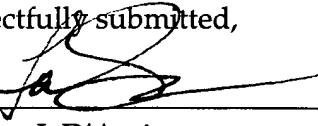
At the outset, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation, that the Office Action dated October 28, 2005, indicated that claims 13-14, 17-22, 25-29, 32-43 and 45 contain allowable subject matter and are in immediate condition for allowance (p. 2). In response, Applicants filed an Amendment dated November 9, 2005. In the November 9, 2005 Amendment, claim 44 was amended. Applicants received an Advisory Action dated December 1, 2005.

The Advisory Action indicated that claims 12-14, 17-22, 25-29 and 32-45 were in condition for allowance. The Advisory Action maintained the rejection of claims 56-58. Claims 56-58 are now canceled. As a result, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance based upon the Amendment filed on November 9, 2005 and this Supplemental Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the November 9, 2005 and this Supplemental Amendment, and pass this application to issue with claims 13-14, 17-22, 25-29, and 32-45.

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